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NMETC: Reflecting on the Past Year

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The Holiday season is in motion, and a new year begins soon.

It is a time to reflect on the year just past and anticipate the year ahead. I am grate-ful my Navy travels have brought me to Navy Medicine Education and Training Command (NMETC), and I want to take this moment to ac-knowledge and thank all my NMETC Shipmates for your continued hard work in support of and dedica-tion to our mission to "enable career-long growth and development through professional and occupa-tional education and training to support Navy Medi-cine and operational forces."

The NMETC organization is still relatively "young" following its 2012 inception, and there is still a great bit of organizational change in motion. The move of the Flag from Jacksonville, Fla., to the Joint Base in San Antonio to establish Navy pres-ence, the move of staff from Jacksonville and Be-thesda, the establishment of new communication and organizational procedures from the echelon III command to the echelon IV commands all while ensuring the educational mission and those it serves remains paramount. This "High Speed, Low Drag" organization continued to excel in 2014 in so many different ways . . .

Navy Medicine Operational Training Center (NMOTC) and its subordinate commands and activities trained over 18,500 Sailors, Marines, Soldiers and Airmen for assignments with Navy, Marine Corps and other operational units, demonstrating once again its criti-cal role in meeting the Surgeon General's Jointness and Readiness priorities.

Navy Medicine Profes-sional Development Center (NMPDC) continued to receive ac-colades from the students they serve as well as the organization and commands to which their students are assigned on the quality of their many educa-tional tracks and support programs. A leader in inter-service training, Navy Medicine Training Support Center partnered with the Medical Education and Training Campus to train over 6,000 Hospital Corps School students in programs ranging from the Basic Medical Technician Corpsman Program to ad-vanced technical fields such as Surgical Techni-cians.

And finally, operating from San Antonio, Jacksonville and Bethesda, the NMETC Headquar-

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ters team continued to develop and verify require-ments-driven curriculum, advance Navy Medicine's Modeling and Simulation programs and put in place the life cycle management procedures needed to support a vibrant and forward-leaning education and training organization.

It has been a busy, busy year, and no doubt 2015 will be busy as well. Please be gentle with yourself and each other this holiday season, re-charge your battery, and most importantly, be safe. Your safety and well-being are important to me per-sonally and professionally. Personally, because you are each a shipmate, and professionally, because I believe safety impacts mission readiness and suc-cess. I look forward to seeing you in 2015!

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